

working as a public servant after this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Janson Requist for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

INCREASING FY19 FUNDING FOR  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF  
CIVIL RIGHTS SITES

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state my excitement that Democrats and Republicans came together this year and supported my amendments to increase FY 2019 funding for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights movement and grants for Civil Rights Preservation of sites on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In total, our amendments boosted funding for civil rights research by \$4,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2019. I greatly appreciate the bipartisan commitment and support from Interior Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT, Ranking Member MCCOLLUM, and Democratic Assistant Leader CLYBURN.

These grants, as part of the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund, are critically important to protecting and preserving Civil Rights history. As the Congresswoman representing the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, also known as the Civil Rights District, I can personally attest to the impact these grants have in the community. Many historic events of the Civil Rights Movement took place within my district, including the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, the Children's March, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and Bloody Sunday. We are fortunate that the National Park Service is preserving and interpreting these stories, and I am grateful for the Park Service's dedication to telling a more complete version of America's history.

The National Park Service also brings much needed economic revitalization to communities in my district through tourism. In Birmingham, the Civil Rights National Monument and other sites are playing a critical role as part of the new National Civil Rights Trail. In my hometown of Selma, the NPS Selma Interpretive Center attracts tourism to the rural black belt community. These historic sites will also help generate economic activity beyond tourism. In fact, for each dollar invested in National Parks, 10 dollars is generated in national economic activity.

As the foot soldiers of the Civil Rights movement grow older, it is imperative that every effort is made to preserve the stories and sites of the era. There is no place more equipped for such preservation than Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These institutions and their students have a legacy that is inseparable from the Civil Rights Movement. They continue to play a role in activism and education that would make many of those who came before them proud.

The funding that my amendments provided in the House Interior Appropriations bill for FY 2019 is an investment aimed at both historic preservation and economic development. Not only is it important to preserve history in our

districts—we all have important stories to tell that provide education to visitors—but it is also imperative that we help bring much needed development to our communities.

Thanks again to Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM, and I urge all of my colleagues to continue supporting this historic preservation funding as we finalize appropriations for FY19.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS DURING PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK 2018

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the nation's community corrections professionals and the vital role they play in enhancing public safety throughout the United States. In honor of the invaluable contributions of these dedicated public servants, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and its associated members have designated July 15 through July 21, 2018, "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018." I thank the thousands of men and women who perform these important public safety duties, and urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in support of APPA's week-long recognition efforts this year.

In my congressional district, the nation's capital, thousands of women and men serve as pretrial, probation and parole officers or administrators. As public servants, these constituents, along with many other Americans, commit themselves on a daily basis to helping improve the lives of those involved in the criminal justice system. The work of these professionals ultimately results in stronger and safer communities for all.

Community corrections professionals are responsible for the supervision of adult and juvenile offenders in communities throughout our nation. These trained professionals go above and beyond the call of duty by connecting their clients to supportive services, community-based resources, employment opportunities, housing programs and other evidence-based practices that help individuals successfully complete supervision and reenter society. Community corrections professionals strive to provide these services and support, while simultaneously providing client supervision, crime prevention and restorative justice.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018, I want to particularly recognize those who carry out community corrections and supervision services here in the

District of Columbia, because unlike in other jurisdictions, officers and professionals of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) come under congressional jurisdiction.

CSOSA and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) are dedicated to reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety in the nation's capital. CSOSA and PSA are recognized as model community supervision entities because of their use of evidence-based practices and community partnerships.

On any given day, CSOSA is responsible for supervising approximately 15,000 individuals on probation, parole or supervised release, while PSA supervises over 18,000 defendants over the course of a year. Charged with having to balance issues of public safety with social services and reentry support, the employees of CSOSA and PSA help to enhance the security of everyone who lives, works or visits the District.

Mr. Speaker, again, I extend my gratitude to these public servants for their commitment, compassion and contributions to healthier and safer communities throughout the United States. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in acknowledging the impact community corrections professionals have on the quality of life of all Americans throughout our country by recognizing July 15 through July 21, 2018, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2018 I was not able to participate in the 6:30 pm vote series. I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were present: YEA on Roll Call No. 366; and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY'S CHESS CLUB

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Chess Club for their victory at the President's Cup.

The President's Cup, also known as the Final Four of Chess, determines the national